

**March 30-31, 2024
Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord**



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Masses: 4:30 pm Saturday; 7 & 10.00 am Sunday
 8:30 am Wednesday and Friday

Reconciliation: 8:00 am- 9:00am (Except for First Saturday at St. Mary) & 3:30-4 pm Saturdays and upon request at reasonable time.

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Pre-baptismal 2024 Class Schedule.

June 2, and Oct. 6 at 8:45am or by appointment if needed. Classes are in the choir area at St. Thomas. Call 618-783-8741 to register/schedule an appointment.

St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure

March 23-24, 2024 Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,877.15
Loose	\$	1,436.00
Subtotal	\$	5,341.00
School Fund	\$	1,740.00
Other	\$	40.00
Subtotal	\$	1,780.00
Grand Total	\$	10,093.15

St. Thomas Church February Tithe

February Tithe Income – \$38,370.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$3,837.00

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, April 1, Mon. w/in the Octave of Easter
Office Closed

8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

6:30 pm Angels Meeting in parish center mtg room

Tuesday, April 2, Tues. w/in the Octave of Easter

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – **NO Mass at St. Mary's**

Wednesday, April 3, Weds. w/in the Octave of Easter

8:30 am NO Mass

9:00 am Rosary Group

5:30 pm Youth Choir Practice

6:00 pm School Board

6:30 pm PSR at St. Mary's/St. Thomas CYO

Thursday, April 4, Thurs. w/in the Octave of Easter

Fr. Pawel – Home Visits

8:00 am – Rosary at St. Mary's

8:30 am – Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, April 5, Fri. w/in the Octave of Easter;

First Friday

8:30 am All-School Mass (Cathy Leahy)

(Adoration following Mass until Noon)

Saturday, April 6, Sat. w/in the Octave of Easter

First Saturday at St. Mary's

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas (For the Parish)

Sunday, April 7, Sunday of Divine Mercy

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Paul Brummer)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Desirae Hewing)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week at St. Thomas School

Mon, April 1 – No School

Tues, April 2 – School Resumes

4:00 pm Track Meet at St. Anthony
 Detergent Orders Due

Weds, April 3– No Mass

6:00 pm School Board

Thurs, April 4– **4:30 pm** Track Meet, here

Fri, April 5 - **8:30 am** All-School Mass

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Acts 2:14,22-33

Mt 28:8-15

Tues.: Acts 2:36-41

Jn 20:11-18

Weds.: Acts 3:1-10

Lk 24:13-35

Th.: Acts 3:11-26

Lk 24:35-48

Fri.: Acts 4:1-12

Jn 21:1-14

Sat.: Acts 4:13-21

Mk 16:9-15

Sun.: Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

Save the Dates: St. Thomas Gigantic Garage Sale

April 25th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

April 26th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

April 27th 8:00 am - 11:00 am

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:

Good Friday, March 29 @ 6:00 pm

Lectors: Sue Sparks; Nikki Bierman
EM: Tony Sparks, Paul Bierman, Dee Bower, Lori TeVault

Servers: Nathan & Blake Bierman

Musicians: Tammy Page & Kaitlyn Ochs

Greeters/Ushers: Nick Bierman

Holy Saturday, March 30 @ 7:30 pm

Lectors: Ginger Robins; Luke Zuber

EM: Paul Bierman, Kim Zuber, Linda Hemrich, Alice Addis

Servers: Nathan Bierman, Blake Bierman, Eli Ochs

Gift Bearers: Brad & Kimberly Ochs Family

Musicians: Five For the One

Greeters/Ushers: Knights of Columbus (2)

Easter Sunday, March 31 @ 7:00 am

Lectors: Lori TeVault

EM: Jill Bierman, Ginger Robins, Jamie Shamhart, Sheryl Brummer

Servers: Addison & Avery Shamhart

Gift Bearers: Seth Woods Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Katie Shamhart

Greeters/Ushers: Knights of Columbus (2)

Sunday, March 31 @ 10:00 am

Lectors: John Bower

EM: Dee Bower, Matt Bower, Kelly Iffert, Marissa Bower

Servers: Oliver Ochs & Lauren Gier

Gift Bearers: Randy Hemrich Family

Musicians: Vicki Mullen, Debbie Matson, Youth Choir

Greeters/Ushers:

Please be sure to sign up for our Holy Week and Easter Sunday Ministries. Sign-up by calling the parish office or by using Ministry Scheduler Pro. Thanks for participating during this special time for our Church!

St. Thomas CYO: Upcoming Activity Schedule

April 3rd & 10th, Meeting in Parish Center at 6:30 pm

April 17th, Cleaning Church, meet in church 6:30 pm

April 24th, LAST CYO! Pizza and Bowling: Meet at Parklanes 6:30 pm

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this
out →

St. Thomas Parish Lay Ministry Trainings:

Wednesday, April 10

- 6:30 pm Eucharistic Minister Training
- 7:00 pm Lector Training

Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister and/or Lector are invited to attend!!

ST. THOMAS PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEES

Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in the Pastoral Council and who have submitted names for nominees. Fr. Pawel will use a similar method as used in the past and all the names of the willing servants will be placed in a bowl and drawn after calling upon the Holy Spirit. Fr. Pawel will be in touch with those who are chosen after Holy Week and the Easter Holiday. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Ignite a Legacy of Stewardship Centennial Campaign

Our councils continue to work on a plan that will ensure a healthy future for our school, parish and Diocese. Please keep our parish, school and Diocese in your prayers as we continue to work on finalizing the best plan for a future campaign and its goal.

St. Thomas Living Stations

St. Thomas 8th Graders prepared for their Livings Stations of the Cross presentation which they presented last Friday... Great job!!!



St. Thomas CYO presented their Living Stations of the Cross on the evening of Palm Sunday. So proud of all these students!!

Easter Sunday

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." – COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and invite you to join our Church families by calling the parish offices of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.



Please pray for the Sick:

Evelyn McCreery, Cathy Dasenbrock, Connie Brooks, Matt Zumbahlen, Marge Thompson, Ava Torma, Mary Ann Bierman, Glenn Frichtl, Norman Kocher, Fonda Fear, Naomi Shedlebower, Sam Nelson, Larry Kremer, Marlene Harris, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Rhonda Wilson, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

Holy Week Schedule:

Mar. 29th Good Friday: The Passion of our Lord
3:00 pm at St. Mary's & 6:00 pm at St. Thomas
Mar. 30th Holy Saturday: Vigil of Easter
7:30 pm at St. Thomas
Mar. 31st Easter Sunday:
7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas
Apr. 1st Easter Monday:
8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas
****No Masses on April 2nd & 3rd**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION

Regularly: 8:00-9:00 am Saturdays at St. Thomas
(Except for First Saturday at St. Mary's)
3:30-4:00 pm Saturdays at St. Thomas
Come share God's joy and mercy.

St. Thomas and St. Mary's are once again sending a group of young people and chaperones to Catholic Heart Work Camp. This summer they will be headed to Milwaukee, WI in July to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our own country. *If any parishioner would like to contribute to the cost of the trip, please feel free to put it in the offering or give it to Linda in the office.* The campers have to pay for part of their trip, but there are other costs to consider. Thank you for supporting these amazing young people on their mission to serve.

STILL NEED Volunteers to help with Rosary and Communion Services at the Villas of Holly Brook. Both St. Thomas and St. Mary's parishioners are invited to help with this very important ministry. Contact St. Thomas or St. Mary's parish offices to learn more about how you can help serve the elderly of our parishes.

An Easter Message from Fr. Paul

As we celebrate the joyful moment and mystery of Easter, let us take a moment to reflect on the profound significance of this sacred time. Easter symbolizes hope, renewal, and the triumph of light over darkness, and mercy, love and forgiveness over sin and destruction. It is a time to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the promise of salvation.

In this season of springtime when everything comes back to life, let us come together as a community to celebrate the blessings of faith, love, and unity. May this Easter fill our hearts with peace, joy, and God's blessings.

I would like to extend my Easter wishes to each and every one of you. May the spirit of Easter uplift your souls, fill your hearts with warmth, and inspire you to spread good news in your homes and within your families.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Easter filled with love, happiness, and the presence of the risen Christ.
- *Fr Paul*

SAVE THE DATE: Illinois March for Life: Wednesday, April 17th, 2024.

Mass at 10:00 am at the Sangamon Auditorium (UIS Campus, 1 University Plaza, Springfield, IL) with a Noon rally in front of the State Capitol. A march around the state capitol complex will follow. St. Isidore has 2 buses reserved for any 7th grade students – adults that are interested in attending. Contact Diann Ruholl at 217-663-2056

Attend the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage coming to cities in our diocese – You are invited to an once-in-a-lifetime experience being called “our national Emmaus moment,” after the biblical passage in which Jesus walked with two of his disciples along the road to Emmaus. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an unprecedented pilgrimage in which Catholics will pray and publicly follow Jesus in their cities through Eucharistic processions. The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is excited to be included in one of the national routes July 8-12. Cities include Collinsville, Alton, Quincy, Girard, Springfield, Effingham, and Teutopolis. Go to dio.org/procession to learn more and register!

Attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21 – You will make history as part of the first National Eucharistic Congress in nearly 100 years. **Discounted tickets available through the Diocese of Springfield at <https://go.dio.org/60v>.**
Register at eucharisticcongress.org.



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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tues-Wed.-Thurs.

Masses: 8:30 am Sunday

First Saturday of the Month

**7:30 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration
& Reconciliation**

8:30 am – Holy Mass

**Reconciliation: As Scheduled by request and
Available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am Saturday**

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Monday, April 1st, Monday within Octave of Easter

Tuesday, April 2nd, Tues within Octave of Easter

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 3rd, Weds w/in Octave of Easter

6:30 p.m. – PSR

**Thursday, April 4th, Thursday within Octave of
Easter**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Melvarose Ochs+)

Fr Pawel makes Home Visits

Friday, April 5th, Friday within Octave of Easter

Saturday, April 6th, Sat. within Octave of Easter

7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Adoration & Reconciliation

**8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Elmer & Josephine
Ginder+)**

Sunday, April 7th – Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Lelia Rennier +)

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – April 7, 2024

**Ushers: Maynard Kaufmann, George Semple,
Jacob Kaufmann**

Servers: Reed Kistner/Chase Kistner

Lectors: Third Grade PSR/Mike Hartrich

Gift Bearers: Third Grade PSR

**Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Gangloff,
Jeanne Johnson, Lora Semple**

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of March 24, 2024**

Envelopes \$ 1815.00

Loose 208.00

Sub Total \$ 2023.00

Catholic Charities 45.00

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Total \$ 2113.00

St Mary's church Tithe

February Tithe Income - \$8,148.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$815.00

Many Thanks

To all those shared of their time and talent for the Holy Week services and Easter Celebration!! To the worship committee for their work on the environment of the church to make it so beautiful! To the several who donated toward the Easter décor' in memory of their loved ones. To Fr Pawel for his making the many masses so reflective and glorious for us!

We are so fortunate to have so many volunteers!!

The Family of Melvarose Ochs would like to give their sincere thanks to all who sent a card, or said a prayer. Thanks to Fr Pawel and the musicians for the beautiful mass in celebration of her life. To the ladies of the parish for the help at the dinner and the wonderful desserts. It was all greatly appreciated. Marie Beal, Steve Ochs, and Sheila Short.

The Living Stations of the Cross



Thank you to the youth who participated and to those who attended as we journey together through the holiest week of our church year.

Needed: Someone to mow beginning this season, at St Valentine. It would include the church grounds, cemetery and around the hall. If you are interested in this, please call the office.